



STATE OF UTAH
NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY
Oil, Gas & Mining

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May 25, 1982

Laurence Ashdown
U.S. Steel Corp.
P.O. Box 569
Lander, Wyoming 82520

RE: Final Approval
Desert Mound Mine
ACT/021/003
Iron, County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ashdown:

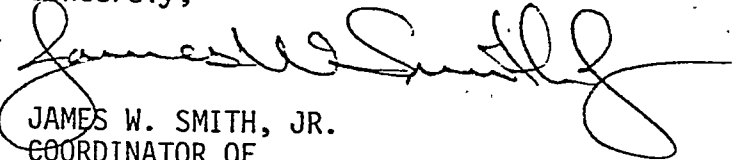
In accordance with provisions of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hereby issues final approval to United States Steel Corporation for its Desert Mound Mine. Mining may now lawfully commence according to the approved mining and reclamation plan and all applicable rules and regulations.

Please find enclosed for your files a copy of the fully executed Mined Lands Reclamation Act Bond as surety for the above operation.

Should the need arise to modify any portion of the approved mining and reclamation plan, please notify the Division of the proposed changes for review and approval prior to initiation.

Also, please be reminded of the reporting requirements of Rule M-8. If you should have any questions, please call either myself or Tom Tetting.

Sincerely,


JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF
MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

Enclosure

JWS/TNT/mn

cc Roy Benson, U.S. Steel

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents, That the FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 100 William Street, New York, New York, a New Jersey Corporation, has constituted and appointed, and does hereby constitute and appoint

Steven J. Kothe, Rita A. Bartos, Cheryl A. Pribanic, Nancy M. Kunold, Robert L. Golden and William J. Kumer of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-----

each its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in its name and to affix its corporate seal to and deliver for and on its behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds of any of the following classes, to-wit:

1. Bonds and Undertakings (other than Fiduciary Bonds) filed in any suit, matter or proceeding in any Court, or filed with any Sheriff or Magistrate, for the doing or not doing of anything specified in such Bond or Undertaking, in which the penalty of the bond or undertaking does not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).
2. Surety Bonds to the United States of America or any agency thereof, including those required or permitted under the laws or regulations relating to Customs or Internal Revenue; License and Permit Bonds or other indemnity bonds under the laws, ordinances or regulations of any State, City, Town, Village, Board or other body or organization, public or private; bonds to Transportation Companies, Lost Instrument bonds, Lease bonds, Workmen's Compensation bonds, Miscellaneous Surety bonds and bonds on behalf of Notaries Public, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and similar public officials.
3. Bonds on behalf of contractors in connection with bids, proposals or contracts.

In Witness Whereof, the said FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY has, pursuant to its By-Laws, caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice-President and Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 1st day of January 19 80

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
By



George McClellan
Assistant Vice-President



Richard D. O'Connor
Assistant Secretary



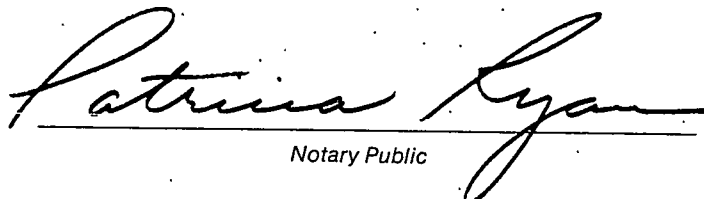
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County of Essex

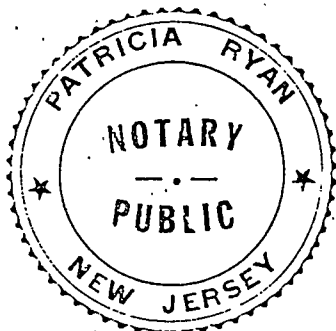
ss:

On this 1st day of January 19 80, before me personally came Richard D. O'Connor, to me known and by me known to be Assistant Secretary of the FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, the Corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney and the said Richard D. O'Connor being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary of the FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY and knows the corporate seal thereof; that the seal affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney is such corporate seal and was thereto affixed by authority of the By-Laws of said Company and that he signed said Power of Attorney as Assistant Secretary of said Company by like authority; that he is acquainted with George McClellan and knows him to be Assistant Vice-President of said Company, and that the signature of said George McClellan subscribed to said Power of Attorney is in the genuine handwriting of said George McClellan and was thereto subscribed by authority of said By-Laws and in deponent's presence.

Acknowledged and Sworn to before me
on the date above written.



Notary Public



PATRICIA RYAN

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY

My Commission Expires December 11, 83

STATE OF UTAH
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

THE MINED LANDS RECLAMATION ACT

BOND

FED. INS. CO. BOND NO. 80929773
EFFECTIVE DATE: May 18, 1982

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENCE, that the undersigned United States Steel Corporation as principal, and Federal Insurance Company as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, in the penal sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND 00/100----- dollars (\$146,381.00) for the payment of which sum, will and truly be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH that whereas the above named principal did on the 20 day of June 1977, file with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining a "Notice of Intention to Commence Mining Operations" and a "Mining and Reclamation Plan", to secure authorization to engage in mining operations in the State of Utah, under the terms and provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act; that in said Notice the principal estimated that 284 acres of land will be affected by mining. Said land is described as follows in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

NOW, if the said principal shall satisfactorily reclaim the above mentioned lands affected by mining by said principal in accordance with the Mining and Reclamation Plan and shall faithfully perform all requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, and comply with the Rules and Regulations adopted in accordance therewith, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect until the reclamation is completed as outlined in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If the said approved plan provides for reclamation of the land affected on a piecemeal or cyclic basis, and said land is reclaimed in accordance with such plan, then this bond may be reduced periodically.

In the converse, if the said plan provides for a gradual increase in the area of the land affected or increased reclamation work, then this bond may accordingly be increased with the written approval of the surety company.

NOTE: Where one signs by virtue of Power of Attorney for a surety company, such Power of Attorney must be filed with this bond. If the principal is a corporation, the bond shall be executed by its duly authorized officers with the seal of the corporation affixed.

United States Steel Corporation
Principal (Company)

Date: May 19, 1982

By: [Signature] Vice President -
Domestic Ore & Stone
Company Official - position

Federal Insurance Company
Surety (Company)

Date: May 18, 1982

By: Cheryl A. Pribanic
Official of Surety - Position
Cheryl A. Pribanic, Attorney-in-Fact

COUNTERSIGNED BY:

[Signature]
Utah Resident Agent